

REMARKS

This Rule 312 Amendment is being submitted to eliminate the redundant words "of a kind" from claim 7, to improve the grammar of the claim. No new matter is added.

CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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